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SUBJ: VAT - CHANCELLOR'S VISIT

1. AT YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR'S DINNER LAST NIGHT IN HONOR OF FOREIGN MINISTER, BIELKA WAS EXCEPTIONALLY WARM IN PRAISE OF CHANCELLOR'S STATE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. KREISKY HAD BEEN ENORMAOUSLY PLEASED.
2. I MENTIONED PRESIDENT FORD'S COMMITMENT OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR VIENNA AS "THIRD U.N. CITY" AND SAID I HOPED THERE WOULD NOW BE SOME FORWARD MOVEMENT ON VAT. HE SAID HE HAD SUBMITTED TO THE FINANCE MINISTER A BOOK SUMMARIZING EXEMPTIONS OR REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURES IN OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES. HE THOUGHT AUSTRIA WOULD BE ABLE TO OFFER A "BETTER-THAN-AVERAGE" SOLUTION BUT NOT AS FAVORABLE AS THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, THROUGH ITS REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE, HAD REQUESTED. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD NOT REALIZED GRANTING REIMBURSEMENT WOULD REQUIRE PASSAGE OF AN ENABLING ACT BY PARLIAMENT. THIS MIGHT RESULT IN EFFECTIVE RELIEF BEING DELAYED BY AS MUCH AS A YEAR. I REPLIED THAT HIS WAS NOT TOO SERIOUS, PROVIDED THE LEGISLATION WAS RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 1973, THE DATE ON WHICH VAT CAME INTO EFFECT. THE EXTENT OF RETROACTIVITY, HE SAID, WOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATION. HUMES

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